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INCLUDES FLORIDA

In winter, Canadians seem to view a lot of southern sun as a basic birthright. Despite the incursions, millions of them continue to flock to the Caribbean, Mexico, Venezuela, Arizona, Texas, Southern California, Hawaii—and, above all, to Florida, the hot spot of choice. More than two million Canadians flee to the Sunshine State each year, pouring more than \$2 billion into its economy.



WORLD

RETURN ENGAGEMENT

Two years after the start of the Gulf War, allied aircraft struck Iraq-targeting southern radar and missile sites. The attack was one of George Bush's last orders as commander-in-chief, but a defiant Saddam Hussein showed determination to test the new boss of the Oval Office: Bill Clinton.



CANADA

**'YOU NEVER
KNOW'**

Stricken with skin cancer, Quebec Premier Robert Bourassa said that he has no immediate plans to quit politics. But he acknowledged that it is impossible to forecast the course of his illness, and associates expect him to step aside as the going, with a Liberal leadership convention soon afterward. — 12



Southern Comfort

If I had been kinder to Canada, the border with the United States would run north-south and leave stable Canada (orange) on, say, the Gulf of Mexico. But, alas, the boundary goes east-west and Canadians, deep into the drops of winter, are inexorably drawn to the sort of sun-soaked-and-rain locations that beckon from the covers of travel brochures. They take their golf clubs and tennis rackets, their video cameras and racy paperbacks, and they return home finding that, even at these necessary tests, life is not so bad after all.

There is nothing wrong with that. Nor should anyone criticize Prime Minister Brian Mulroney or other politicians for seeking up their share of winter warmth—for not laughing it out up north and spending their travel dollars in Canada. Whether the destination is Florida, Hawaii, the Caribbean or anywhere that is hot, Canadians have the right not only to "peace, order and good government," but also to enjoy the fruits of their hard work. In the process, by the way, they keep Canadian law companies very busy.

Of course, Flinders isn't everyone's idea of a hero. "For all its attractions, a certain amount of racism is part of the deal," said Senior Editor Bob Lewis, who conceived and edited this week's cover package. "But if you're looking for affordable, reliable escape, you're not going to get a few laid-back and fast-food joints alongside you." In fact, Ottawa Bureau Chief Anthony Wilson-Smith and Associate Editor James Downie,



Leaves (left), *Demissa* Walton-Smith is born for Florida to be a melting pot of the world.

Kevin W. Day, Jr.

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BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

LETTERS

Who is to blame?

Having spent 35 years in the field of education, I read your special report with great interest ("What's wrong at school?" Jan. 11). In the current debate, teachers alone cannot be blamed for the vicious problems in Canadian schools. The blame must be shared by others, including apathetic communities, school boards, superintendents, bureaucrats and politicians. The solution is not to be found in the "basic" approach or the "child-centred" approach. The former is an incredibly narrow concept of education, while the latter focuses education on the wrong elements, the students. First and foremost, education is about learning. Could the problem be that Canadian society is too soft and self-indulgent to embrace the challenge of discipline in the learning process?

Jeffrey Klevik,
Senior Project Manager

Teachers are expected to be teachers and social workers and guidance counsellors and anti-education experts and individual students and special education specialists. We are expected to teach all material in three to five different learning styles to meet the needs of individuals. We must honor an ever-broadening range of social, cultural and linguistic differences, providing equal time for all. Eventually there is not one size fits all money to finance those activities. We had better stop making any additional demands on our schools until we are prepared to pay the price: the cost of hiring enough teachers and support staff so that schools can meet all those demands in a thorough, proper and professional way.

Arnold Stephen
Elford Lake, Ont.

Your focus on education made every attempt to be balanced in its approach, but tended to focus on the extremes. The best educators I know use an eclectic approach. The emphasis is on quality as opposed to how one child compares to another across the table. This is done by focusing on strengths and reducing negative stimuli for improvement. Each child is encouraged against his or her own progress and regularly provided with constructive feedback and new challenges. Could you give us an issue on the role television plays in reading, writing and learning? Perhaps you have valid reasons for the apparent need of life-to-life-able to have a part time job to purchase all their essential items like cars, cigarettes, jeans, alcohol and other addictive drugs?

Therese Carlson,
Principal, Rogers School,
Victoria



Vancouver elementary school students in Canadian society too soft for discipline?

Engage the children

Child-centred education means much more than letting a child learn at his or her own pace. It implies that teachers understand the interest structure of what is to be learned and provide opportunities that engage children at their individual levels of understanding. Child-centred education focuses on clearly defined standards and outcomes rather than standardized inputs and teaching mechanisms that assume that children learn at the same speed and in the same ways. Mechanistic, behaviourist learning theories of the 1920s through the 1950s do not address the urgent need to prepare our children for global competitiveness and higher functioning roles in the workplace.

Dale Shipley,
Ottawa

In my 22 years of education, never once did I learn how to make a budget, present myself as an interviewee, write a résumé, write a business letter or run a fax machine. We all learned to do these things, but at what? All teachers should be made to work outside the educational establishment before being allowed into a classroom. Maybe then they will realize much of what they are teaching is irrelevant.

Stephen Proulx,
Mississauga, Ont.

Some article fails to address the fact the we teachers are faced with students whose brains have been transformed into mush by constant exposure to the moral and intellectual wastelands of video games, mainstream Hollywood

films, celebrity worship and television. Parents who allow such devotions to flourish unchecked would do well to recognize their complicity in their children's educational difficulties before they stand more convinced targets.

Andrew Miller,
Lakeland, Ont.

Wisdom of Solomon

Diane Francis has struck me fully squarely on the head that I have met before: attention on one page 149 "Call for a New King Solomon" (Solomon, Jan. 11) was a masterpiece of wisdom. With a Grade 6 education, I owned a successful office equipment business and, because of its nature, I witnessed countless new operations started by knowledgeable people sporting the sheriff's padlock on the front door within a year. Most entrepreneurs succeed because they are well aware that they have to treat their business like a newly planted sapling and any magic formula will almost certainly kill it.

Warren Brattic,
Richmond, N.S.

Diane Francis adds to the confusion by calling on Canadians to become self-employed. She conveniently ignores that Canada took five enterprises to a new dimension—entrepreneurship with a social contract. That Canada is rapidly disappearing. She overlooks the fact that Solomon created his dominion on the basis of compassion, not as eye to eye economy and not the other way round. She would have us with the taxation line instead of a National Dream.

Glen Pearson,
London, Ont.

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OPENING NOTES

Ottawa takes a hint, Mulroney takes cover and Victoria takes heat

WANTED: PUBLICITY

A disgraced member and former Concorde University engineering professor Václav Fabrikant is intent to put his own story to the people. Charged with the shooting deaths of four colleagues in August, the 50-year-old Slovak engineer has complained that university and court officials have denied him access to documents he needs to defend himself. He is now in custody at Montreal's Parsonage prison since last August, has fired all three of the public defenders assigned to him, claiming that they tried to sabotage his defence. Earlier this month, Fabrikant, saying that the courts "are rigged" against him, telephoned *Maclean's* to offer a first-person account of the day of the shootings. But there was one condition: He wanted the magazine to give him a full-page ad so that he could promote his side of the story and publicize his allegations of complicity at Concorde. When *Maclean's* turned



Fabrikant's allegations of complicity

aside the request, Fabrikant asked a reporter for *Saturday Night* magazine if he could day a full-page ad in the monthly publication. *Saturday Night*, too, declined the request.

Profiles in whining

The new year is not even a month old, and already some people are complaining. Some commentators gripe for 1989.

A The leader of the Evangelical Fellowship of Canada complained that work about a television commercial for the Weston, Ont.-based Leon's Furniture chain. The ad features a southern television preacher about the "torments" of Leon's low prices. "It depicts us as rednecks," said Rev. Brian Stiller of Whistler. "It makes an ad that scored well culturally marginal."

A The Northwest Territories chapter of the M.M.T. Nation, whose membership includes thousands of fur trappers, complained about the lyrics of *I'll Had a Million Dollars*, by the Toronto-based pop group Backstreet Lads. The song celebrates the fact that "I'll had a million dollars 74 buy you a fur coat—but not a real fur coat, that's cool."

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Top movies in Canada, ranked according to box office receipts during the seven days ending on Jan. 14 (in brackets number of screens/weeks showing)

- 1 *A Few Good Men* (92/1) \$1,097,700
- 2 *Aladdin* (139/1) \$959,600
- 3 *Scout of the Month* (73/1) \$619,700
- 4 *Home Alone* (125/1) \$606,300
- 5 *Chaplin* (15/1) \$573,300
- 6 *The Disappearing Genes* (71/1) \$566,400
- 7 *Boys* (55/1) \$525,600
- 8 *Top Gun* (71/1) \$510,000
- 9 *The Disappearing Genes* (71/1) \$510,000
- 10 *Leap of Faith* (91/1) \$510,000

Source: Exhibitor Relations Co.

A DIRTY BUSINESS

What began as a life-sized referendum on higher taxes has evolved into a public relations nightmare for Victoria. In November, voters of the second B.C. capital voted against a municipal tax proposal to pay for a new sewage treatment plant. Victoria currently dumps 20 million gallons of raw sewage a day into the waters around Vancouver Island in neighbouring Washington state, which is spending heavily to meet strict new sewage treatment standards, cross-

some groups reacted quickly to the referendum's outcome. In December, the Washington Society of Association Realtors, a group that represents trade and professional associations, cancelled plans to hold a 1995 convention in Victoria's newly named Empress Hotel. And earlier this month, 78 employees of Bill Gates's Washington-based Microsoft Corp. joined a

"Boycott Victoria" campaign after learning about the revenues from the company's electronic and system. As a result, businesses in the city, which runs an estimated \$550 million a year from tourism, are beginning to suffer. The Victoria Chamber of Commerce, for one, has received more than 400 cancellations by U.S. travellers on its Seattle-Victoria round-trip itineraries. Although municipal studies indicate that the environmental impact of Victoria's sewage is minimal, general manager Darrell Bunn said that he expects the boycott will gather momentum in the coming months. Model towns? "The perception is that Victoria doesn't care."



Victoria's hotelier now seizes

LYING LOW

Like many wealthy and prominent Canadians, Prime Minister Brian Mulroney and wife Mita take all in sunny Palm Beach, Fla., every winter to get away from it all. Last year, they stayed at the exclusive and exclusive Bayside Beach resort. But during their two-week stay in Palm Beach this year, the Mulroneys—who return to Ottawa this week—were nowhere to be seen, not even in their favorite



hangouts. "I wish he would come in," Pierre Bouchette, first owner of the St. Hubert restaurant, told *Maclean's* last week. "But I haven't seen him." Florence Bouchette, manager of the Carter jewelry shop on tiny Town Avenue, said that Mulroney's wife keeps a frequent mistress in the past, but not now. Her store now says only the high-priced shopping boulevard. And also former owner of Club Collette, a restaurant located

by the rich and powerful, said that although "I collect money and lost Canadian tourists, were at the right light for dinner," Mulroney had not been in town there. In the absence of concrete information, the rumor mill was working overtime. Late last week, the buzz in the South Florida real estate industry—fanned by Mulroney's office—was that the Prime Minister was shopping around Palm Beach for a house. But there was only one, unconfirmed sighting: a Canadian *Journal* claimed to have seen Mulroney "speed walk" along the beach. The *Journal* did not say whether he was leading north or south.

'ABRACADABRA!'

Conspirators are fond of accusing New Democrats of taking policy decisions from union bosses. But the January issue of *Metropolitan Toronto Business Journal*, published by the city's 34,000-member Board of Trade, suggests that the federal Tories also pay attention to special-interest groups. In an article headlined "Close your eyes and count to three: The board gets what it wants from the federal government," the magazine says that three recent major announcements by Finance Minister Donald Macdonald and International Trade Minister Michael Wilson—a new employment insurance, international trade barriers and regional development—turned policy recommendations from the board made to the government last May. In that advertisement, the board said that regional development grants were significant obstacles to Canadian competitiveness. "Abolishable!" pushes the article. "Spending in this sector" was \$1.6 billion in 1986 over the next 15 years.



Wilson following the lead

A Australian lawyer Con Ray died and a Melbourne court against his next-door neighbors, Rene and Rob McKay. Ray complained that he had suffered psychological stress from the recurring crowing of the McKays' pet rooster, Goldie.

A William McKelvey, who is serving a life sentence in a Nevada prison for shooting a man to death in 1978, complained that being forced to share a cell with a smoker was "torture and unusual punishment." His complaint is now before the U.S. Supreme Court.

PASSAGES

RETRIBUTION: One of Canada's best-known actors, Maj.-Gen. Lewis MacKenzie, 52, as commander of Ontario's Land Forces Central Area, ending a 35-year military career in March. MacKenzie led United Nations peacekeeping forces in Somalia for five months in 1992. He is writing a book about his experiences. As well, he will become a senior research fellow at the Toronto-based Canadian Institute for Strategic Studies. He declined offers from both Liberal and Conservative politicians to run in the next federal election.



POB: American songwriter and music publisher Sammy Cahn, 79, of congestive heart failure, in Los Angeles hospital. One of the most prolific lyricists in musical history, he was one of the most popular, with an astonishing number of hits beginning in the mid-1950s. His composition collaborators included Jule Styne and Johnny Mercer. His songs included "There's a Girl in the Crowd" (the 1954 movie of the same name), and several songs that Frank Sinatra made famous, including *Love and Marriage* (1955) and *All the Way* (1957). A novelist and screenwriter, Cahn spent frequently in television and starred in the 1974 Broadway musical *Black and Blue*, featuring his own material.

DIED: Leading Canadian economist Douglas Purvis, 65, of a heart attack at his Kingston, Ont., home while recovering from back surgery following a swimming accident in Puerto Purvis, head of the economics department at Queen's University in Kingston, was a policy adviser to the federal government on economic and institutional issues. He was co-author of *Economics*, an undergraduate textbook used around the world.

SINCE: To an extent in jail for assault during Stephen Farrow, 27, the over-aged reporter who earned \$15 million for cancer research with a 13-month cross-country marathon in 1964 and 1965. He was the fourth conviction for assault charged Farrow, separately from Farrow, B.C., and now living in Edmonton, but the first time he was in a jail house.



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Robert Bourassa has always been among the most private of Canada's public figures. In a political career spanning a quarter of a century, the 59-year-old Quebec premier has rarely offered more than a glimpse of the man behind the carefully controlled image. But on his return to Quebec from Florida last week, seven days after a routine removal of a carcinoma tumor from his chest, Bourassa finally let the mask slip. His remarks, and his grave bearing, revealed an individual determined to battle his life—but profoundly shaken by his prognosis.

"The word of Democles hanging over my head has succeeded," he told reporters after his first cabinet meeting since discovering the spread of a malignant carcinoma that was diagnosed in 1990. "With this kind of sickness you never know what could happen," he said. "This is the most difficult thing because we all want to live as long as possible, but here you don't know what will happen in a month, in two months, in three months."

Despite his clouded personal future, Bourassa said that he has no plans—for the moment, at least—for a sabbatical policy. "I want to get back to work," he declared. He launched safe questions about his ability to continue as premier, maintaining that talk about a possible successor was "premature." At the same time, he gently declined to say whether he intended to lead the Liberals into the next election, which must be held by the fall of 1994. And even Bourassa conceded that doubts about his health would fuel speculation that his long career at the forefront of Canadian politics is drawing to a close.

That speculation began almost as soon as Bourassa's office issued a statement disclosing that his skin cancer, thought to have been excised two years ago, had reappeared shortly before Christmas. And while none in the party acknowledges it openly, many concede privately that it will take nothing short of a medical miracle to keep Bourassa in power much past the coming summer.

"The pressure is not going to come from his cabinet or his caucus list," says his long-time aide, a close Liberal ally. "People with that pressure, most Liberals expect the premier to announce plans to step aside by the spring, followed by a summer leadership convention. At

BATTLING SKIN CANCER, ROBERT BOURASSA TRIES TO DAMPEN TALK ABOUT QUEBEC'S POLITICAL FUTURE

that time, many Liberals and Bourassa's political opponents believe, the leadership of the Liberals will pass to one of five members of the premier's cabinet: senior cabinet Treasury Board President Daniel Johnson, Industry Minister Gérard Tremblay, Environment Minister Pierre Parizeau, Justice Minister Gil Blais and co—no longer short—Attorney General and deputy premier Luc Bouchard.

None of the five possible successors has declared his or her intentions. To do so in this delicate stage would be tantamount to committing political suicide, as Health Minister Marc Yves Gauthier reminded Liberals last week.

HOW MELANOMA SPREADS



More than 500 Canadians a year die from malignant melanoma, which appears on the skin as a light brown to black mark with irregular borders, often appearing in a quarter-inch square. The most lethal form of skin cancer, it starts when excessive sun exposure damages the melanocyte cells, which create the skin's pigment. The cells then turn cancerous and multiply rapidly. If it is not detected early enough, the resulting tumor can release deadly cells that spread through the blood to other parts of the body. In 1990, surgeons removed a melanoma from Bourassa's lower back that had migrated to lymph nodes in the area. His doctor now says that the cancer has spread to an unspecified number of other sites.

But that is likely to change by mid-February, when Bourassa is scheduled to return to the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Md. After tests, Bourassa and his doctor, Steven Rosenberg, will decide whether he will undergo an experimental treatment using interferon-2, a natural substance that boosts the body's immune system.

Rosenberg pioneered the technique in the mid-1980s and has experienced some success with it, although the treatment has proved harmful to some people. In recent cases, patients spend seven to 10 days in hospital receiving injections of special immune cells that have been removed from the tumor itself and treated with interferon-2 to increase their potency. Every three months or so, they return for additional treatment. Forty per cent of the patients that have undergone the procedure, all of whom were considered terminal, have experienced full or partial remissions of their tumors. Five to 10 per cent have seen their tumors disappear.

Bourassa's personal—and political—future is riding on the outcome of these tests in Bethesda, one of the leading cancer research centers in the world. Malignant melanoma is by far the most lethal form of skin cancer, and the outlook for patients whose cancer has spread to several other parts of the body is usually grim. Even if he receives the anticipated treatment, and responds well, the accompanying side effects—which include nausea, diarrhea, fever and fatigue—may make it impossible for him to do his job. Either way, the race to succeed him will move into the open. "That's the moment when he will step aside," concluded one associate. "I know the man well."

If Bourassa does return again, the future shape and direction of the Quebec Liberal Party are not likely to change radically. All five of the leading contenders for the leadership are followers of the Bourassa school—committed to enhancing Quebec's powers within Confederation.

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Bourassa returning from Florida: The word of Democles has moved closer

years and a fierce Bourassa loyalist. Meanwhile, Bourassa's scholarly point man on constitutional issues, his son-in-law, a coo, calls 45-year-old former law professor.

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months with a view to finding some kind of external challenge in the next provincial election. If Bourassa left, the Allaire faction would make a strong case for a more moderate, less ideological candidate, looking to attract the Liberals away from federalism. "It's too early to predict that, but I have to admit that it is not beyond the bounds of possibility," said Jean-Guy St. John, the independent businessman who sits atop the Liberal caucus to preside against the party's support of the Closer-to-home constitutional accord.

All of these potential developments, however, depend on the outcome of Bourassa's struggle with cancer. And none will come to pass if, as his friends and supporters dearly hope, the Quebec premier manages to surmount his latest—and certainly most trying—challenge.

BARRY CAHILL in Montreal

National Notes

JOHN CLARK'S FUTURE

Constitutional Affairs Minister Joe Clark said that he is weighing "intriguing" job opportunities in the private sector and that he will announce by the end of the month whether he plans to seek re-election. Clark ruled out running for the Conservative Party leadership that he lost to Brian Mulroney in 1983, should the Prime Minister resign.

FREE AT LAST

Thirty-five educated Bosnian refugees arrived in Edmonton—the first group of 500 refugees Canada agreed to accept from concentration camps in the former Yugoslavia last November.

STEPPING ASIDE

Quebec Equality Party Leader Robert Lefebvre said that he will not be a candidate next month for the leadership of the five-year-old English-language party. Lefebvre, 32, who campaigned for the Yvo as well as the October 1992 constitutional referendum against the wishes of his party executive, said that his candidacy would be divisive.

WEST COAST GOSSIP

B.C. Liberal Opposition Leader Gordon Wilson held a news conference to denounce minor-based media reports that he is having an extramarital affair with 38-year-old Liberal House Leader John Tynan, who recently separated from her husband. Calling the speculation "disgusting," Wilson, 41, who is married, denied the rumors.

PRATT FAVORITE

Former Attorney General Dennis Pratt said that his office will investigate how the federal government awarded constitutional pricing contracts last year without awarding competitive bids. Most of the work went to Decima Research and Anderson Strategic Research, two firms with close Conservative ties.

REFORM AND RACISM

In a Toronto speech before a Jewish audience, Reform Party Leader Preston Manning warned members of the Jewish community to keep their party's "mischief" in proper context.

SEX CRIMES

Ontario premier Kenneth Robar, 48, attended a courtroom when he suddenly yanked his plea to guilty while standing and he immediately admitted three teenage boys in the late 1970s and early 1980s. Robar's admission to molesting one of the victims to rid the boy of "bad spirits."



Foran in the Senate: 'There used to be more concern for the human element'

When life was gentler

A 42-year veteran says goodbye to the Hill

Bringing themselves as a better word whopped across Parliament Hill, the two months approached a grey-haired man in uniform and asked for directions. They could not have realized a more qualified guide. During his 42 years on the Hill, Frank Foran, now a sergeant with the Senate Protective Service, has supervised an unparalleled level of Canada's Parliament and politicians. His career spans the terms of seven prime ministers, and he remembers most of those steadily. Louis St. Laurent was a recruit and grumpy man, while John Diefenbaker was much loved by the Hill staff. Pierre Trudeau, Foran recalls, always seemed to be lost in his own thoughts, while Brian Mulroney, despite his widespread capriciousness, as well regarded by Foran and other security staff members because he always takes time to thank them for their efforts. Over the years, Foran, 55, has himself become a Parliamentary institution. And for many political veterans, the Hill will become a less personal place when he retires on Jan. 22. Says Gov. Gen. Roméo Levesque, a former Conservative cabinet minister who first sent Foran to 1952 while working in Ottawa as a security aide: "Frank is a wonderful guy who brightens the day for many people."

Foran's duties, which long have included contact with members of both the upper and lower chambers, continue a family tradition

His father, William, who died in 1969, began working at the Hill as a security guard in 1913 and rose to become chief of the Senate Protective Service before his retirement in 1959. With his father's help, the younger Foran became a Senate page at 13 in 1950, when St. Laurent had been prime minister for just a year. Promoted to chief page in 1954, Foran later served as a Senate messenger. Accepted as a guard in 1964, Foran has been a sergeant since 1967, and now commands one of the upper chamber's six platoons of 11 guards.

Foran looks back fondly on his four decades of close contact with the tensions and tensions he began his career, he says, in a quieter era, when people working on Parliament Hill posted of each other as though they were the residents of a small town. "Today, we're all just a machine," Foran adds. "There used to be much more concern for the human element."

The above growth of the federal government has contributed to that impersonal atmosphere, he says. Until the 1960s, every senator and Senator had an office in the Centre Block, the long, low, two-story building that dominates Parliament Hill. Now, politicians' offices are spread throughout all three Hill blocks and lower office buildings nearby.

Foran adds that politicians used to spend more of their social time on the Hill than they do now. By tradition, often lights burned late

on most Wednesday evenings as politicians, their staff and even members of the press gallery gathered for parties that often became quite wild. Foran recalls frequently helping drunken parliamentarians get home after a night of heavy drinking. "Drinks were doled out, but it," he says. "We would look after them." Over the years, however, the relationship between politicians and politicians became increasingly adversarial—with the result that most parliamentarians now try to ensure that their on-Hill behavior is beyond reproach.

In the past, Foran says, politicians were also more considerate about their own lives. "Their families would be out east or out west, and they would be here alone," he says. "Things went on—and the fact that we worked here 24 hours a day meant that we would see a lot of this stuff." Foran remains unimpressed about what he has witnessed over the years, but he recalls being questioned by senators' wives about their husbands' alleged philandering. Foran was not the only male spouse. In the early 1960s, he says, one escaped husband, armed with a gun, came to the Centre Block in search of a Liberal for whom, he claimed, had slept with his wife. Foran says that the matter was quietly dealt with without charges being laid, and he still declines to identify the man or the senator.

Two events in the 1960s resulted in ever-increasing security and a loss of informality. In 1968, a security detail escorted security guard from Toronto died in a Centre Block washroom when his knife slipped from his pocket and he was startled to discover in the blouse of a senator, exploded prematurely. A year later, there was an explosion of another sort as part of Canada's centennial celebrations, hundreds of tourists rushed Ottawa and lived up to their Parliament buildings. With only 14 Senate and 75 House guards in 1969, security was sometimes haphazard. Each of the five entrances to the Centre Block was often protected by a single guard who, if called away, would enlist a messenger to take his place. Now, access is controlled by 325 Commons and Senate guards. Says Foran: "Even today, the thought that could give to security is not what it should be."

In March, the Senate will host a retirement party for Foran, complete with a guard of honor. Foran says that he is looking forward to retiring from the Hill with 32 years. But, after words he will help to preserve the history of the Senate Protective Service. When he leaves the Hill, he will take with him warm memories of some of the politicians he has encountered over the years—former Liberal leader John Turner is one of his favorites. "He always had something nice to say," Foran recalls. "He respected you. Some would be very sarcastic, but he was very kind." As for the senators, Foran says, diplomatically, "They were of unique." Meanwhile, he believes the current widespread distrust of elected officials, "the way to re-establish our confidence in politicians," he says. It is a timely reminder from a man who has rubbed elbows with many of them.

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Serving up warfare by rote

An airborne 'spanking for Saddam' smacks of nostalgia

War involves very small numbers of people, mostly highly trained specialists, and occurs comparatively few casualties. The fighting when there is any, takes place on the vague frontiers where whatever the average may be just gets it, or toward the Fighting Frontiers where good strategy gets on the case.

—George Orwell, *Nineteen Eighty-Four*

On Jan. 13, as fighting broke out over the vague frontiers left by the Persian Gulf War two years earlier, the specialists in modern warfare swung into action again—the television networks' military analysts, the not-quite-household-name live-by-analysts from Baghdad, from Kuwait and on the deck of the USS Kitty Hawk.

At its peak around lunchtime in eastern North America, just after breakfast on the West Coast, the battle played out on the television networks was powered by nostalgia, a reprise by the veterans of Desert Storm, the 1991 television war now served as a ritual.

TV, watching awfully among locations on a reconnaissance for local news, turned up a roster of battle-hardened specialists who had been trained during Desert Storm in 1990, frantically in the 44 days of Desert Storm and turned up for the new operation by DEADLINE IN THE DODGE, the Cable News Network's bid for what had turned into a late-afternoon news alert five days earlier.

There was the CBS's Wolf Blitzer, for one, the Pentagon pressroom veterans reporting live from Little Rock, Ark., as new president-elect Bill Clinton would appear a raid against Iraq. And live again from Baghdad, CBS's John Holliman ("Are you in a secure position, John?" asked the selection anchor in Atlanta live, replies Holliman: "You'll know that there's an attack when the time of my voice changes.")

Among the past-tense of network analysts, veteran recalled tough Times Kelly, one of the U.S. military's Desert Storm media brethren but now Gen. (Ret.) and decorated in cinema, grey check jacket, grey tie with circles Kelly defends the decision in 1991 to remove live before Iraq's Saddam Hussein had been dealt with personally, but wrote by way of analysis that "we have to remain vigilant about this guy and when he steps out of line we have to go in and stop him."

On CNN, two analysts, James Baker and Col. (Ret.) Stan Gardiner, discuss with some impatience the lack of official information—"We're only talking to each other here," says Baker—and the way that it has been left to the news media to carry the battle by way of Iraq and Baghdad. "It's a political message as much as a military message," explains Gardiner. "When you're sending a message, you have to make it partially a media event."

Shortly before 1300 hours GMT, after U.S. officials finally confirm an

air raid against targets in Iraq, CNN gives what had hitherto been a "military crisis" a factual title, *ATTACK IN THE GULF*. A trumpet fanfare accompanies the new logo, which packs the screen in capital letters bigger than in a preceding commercial for Power Gel, a peniskiller ("FROSTENESS").

But once the official U.S. version of the raid began to emerge, the excitement drains from the TV screen. When White House spokesman Martha Fierstein explains that President George Bush had decided on Jan. 11 to act on Jan. 13 as his 44-hour ultimatum of Jan. 6, but that the action was postponed to Jan. 13 by bad weather, there is barely enough interest in the genre route to prompt a question. And soon after, an military analyst Anthony Condensation explains to anchor Peter Jennings



Crewmen aboard the USS Kitty Hawk aim an F/A-18 fighter-bomber bound for Iraq: 'media event'

that the U.S. was attacked likely targeted. "The Saddam's sites, but they may also want to knock out the radio, the radio, and the radio," the network repeated the way open *All My Children*.

Television's interest all but evaporated when the raid on Jan. 13 turned out to have hit only a handful of such targets and when the analysts dismissed it as a only a day, a pangloss, or "just a spanking for Saddam, not a real beating." Interest flagged even when Bush, perceiving a new Iraqi campaign against peace by the defiant Iraqi leader, delivered another ultimatum (CNN misreported DEADLINE IN THE GULF) and threatened another raid, just five days before the end of his presidency.

Other than a last, petulant landing not at his base in Kuwait by Bush, what does it all mean? "We'd simply, as the military and political analysts agreed, 'a message' to Hussein to keep the peace, what some described as an act of war to deter war? Or as it essentially meaningless, the kind of warfare of habit and by rote that Orwell foretold for the close of this century in his 1948 novel *1984* that gave prophecy, the central acceptance's guiding slogan are *WAR IS PEACE*, *LIBERTY IS SLAVERY*, and *WAR IS PEACE*.

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Heir to the vision

Bill Clinton has the opportunity to revive John Kennedy's spirit

As presidents of the United States, Dwight David Eisenhower and George Herbert Walker Bush had much in common—Republicans, religious, steadily uncoveted by criticism, intrigued by foreign affairs, bored by domestic politics and publicly, at any rate, largely humorless. Eisenhower left office in 1961 after two terms when Cold War saber-rattling panicked tens of thousands into holding backyard bomb shelters and Communism which looks kind suspect among neighbors. Bush's one-term presidency ends the week with America's public schools in disorder, its crime-ridden cities starved for cash, health-care costs soaring and the fragile U.S. economy slithering only faint signs of emerging from a disorienting recession. The national malaise surrounding the departure of both presidents was heavily explained by their successors—each younger, more vital men, both Democrats who, 32 years apart, promised the excitement and change of a new generation.

Eisenhower, who became the oldest president in U.S. history to that point when he reached 70 in his last year, gave way to John Fitzgerald Kennedy, at 43 the youngest man ever elected president of the United States and the first born in the 20th century. Handsome, rich, vigorous and eloquent, Kennedy appealed for a "New Frontier" of national renewal. But what he got was an obstreperous Congress, the Bay of Pigs, the Vietnam War and, in the end, an assassin's bullet. Now, William Jefferson Clinton, 46, is the youngest man since Kennedy to become president and, at least in the popular imagination, heir to the vision Kennedy offered the American people.

It was a vision that went beyond a strong economy, a prudent defense, equal justice, good schools and safe streets. These are things that belong to the business of government. What Kennedy tried to do was challenge Americans to look beyond that, to believe that they could do something for something, that they could make their lives better, make their lives somehow better, be happier, be once again proud of their country—in short, to join in, take part, hope. "Let the world go forth from this time confident that the torch has been passed to a new generation of America," Kennedy said in his inaugural address. "My fellow Americans, ask not what your country can do for you, ask what you can do for your country."

Clinton appears to have embraced Kennedy's vision, even though election polls portray Americans as cynically skeptical of Clinton, as, worse, apathetic. He promised to do the things that governments do—improve

education and health care, reconstruct the cities, keep an eye on Saddam Hussein. But he has also pledged to return government to the people, to free people in power to be accountable, to listen to the critics, to restore the polluted environment, to fight special interests in Washington, to govern almost by consensus. All these are vague things.

Ever since his victory at the Democratic convention last July, Clinton has made more public appearances than the moon over his native Arkansas, donning sunglasses and playing his saxophone, juggling simultaneously with Little Rock, young the folks—a job-filler—for a teenager. Clinton's agenda on Inaugural Wednesday included having lunch with the parents of a young actor who died and throwing the White House open to thousands of members of the public—many perhaps already

unsettled by his backbiting on a number of campaign promises, including tax cuts.

Of all the tasks for which Clinton will bear ultimate responsibility, perhaps the most symbolic is the U.S.-led UN mission to end the people of far-distant Somalia. It is called "Operation Restore Hope." If he fails to restore hope there, it may be enough that the Somalis are rescued from starvation. But if he fails to restore hope at home, then John Kennedy's vision will remain buried in Arlington National Cemetery.

BAR COBRIEL



Read his lips

✓ Clinton campaigned on a pledge to halve the budget deficit by 1996. But Bush's last budget includes a shortfall of \$200.4 billion—\$68 billion more than previously announced. And with projections that the deficit could surpass \$400 billion by 1997, Clinton now says that his plan will take longer.

✓ Clinton said he would initiate a modest tax cut for middle-class families earning under \$80,000 a year. But faced with rising deficits, Leon Panetta, his chief of staff, says that Clinton's budget plan calls for a 10 percent increase in the deficit reduction and infrastructure spending.

✓ Clinton said that he would unveil a plan to provide health insurance for all Americans and curb escalating health care costs in his first 100 days. But new government figures show that health care spending already accounts for more than 14 percent of total federal outlays—and is expected to increase by 12 to 15 percent a year over the next five years.

✓ Clinton has pledged a more active role in world trouble spots—such as the Balkans in Somalia—but he has also proposed to pay for his domestic programs with cuts in defense spending. And Pentagon leaders are protesting their role. Clinton has already agreed to restrict his promise to limit a ban on homosexuals in the military by presidential decree.

✓ Clinton criticized Bush for forcibly returning Haitian boat people to their homeland. But facing a new wave of Haitians seeking refuge, and possibly facing tragedy on the high seas, Clinton announced that he will keep following Bush's policy—for now.



Charles Parker-Bowles/Diana (below) more revelations could prove disastrous

BRITAIN

A pillow-talk scandal

An intimate chat sparks the latest royal mess

The chatter of the two apparent lovers was, by turns lascivious, juvenile—and downright silly. And when transcripts of part of the tape recording that generated it appeared in the media last week, they provoked a dizzy reaction. Last fall, the London-based *Gaily Mirror* reported that it had obtained copies of a tape, allegedly of a telephone call between Prince Charles, 34, the heir to the British throne, and Camilla Parker-Bowles, the middle-aged mother of two who is widely believed to be his mistress. The *Mirror* published only a few lines from the tape. Then, on Jan. 12, an Australian women-oriented magazine, *New Idea*, in Melbourne, published what it said was a complete transcript of the tape. It is, a spokesman claimed, a Prince Charles talks of speaking Parker-Bowles's body and tells her that "I'll fill up your cock." The spectacle of a future king sharing off-color jokes with his girlfriend was too much for the British public. Said Nigel Dempster, a society columnist for the mass-circulation *Daily Mail*: "The tapes are foolishly dirty and disgusting. The public will say that this was never being 'big'."

The transcript published in *New Idea* appeared to support long-standing rumors that Prince Charles and Parker-Bowles, the wife of Brig. Andrew Parker-Bowles, were lovers. Editors of *New Idea* said that speech experts who heard the tapes were convinced that the voices on it were those of Prince Charles and Parker-Bowles. An excerpt:

Female voice: You're really good at f---ing your wife along.
Male voice: Oh crap! I want to feel my way along you, all over you and up and down you and in and out... particularly in said out.
Female voice: Oh, that's just what I need at the moment.
Male voice: Is it?
Female voice: I know it could revive me. I can't bear a Sunday night without you... I can't wait the week without you.
Male voice: What about me? The trouble is,

I need you several times a week. I'll just live inside your trousers.
Female voice: What are you going to turn into, a pair of trousers?
Male voice: Oh, God forbid, a T-shirt. My look to be checked down a laundry and go on forever swirling round on the top, never going down... until the last one comes down.

Publication of the transcript followed a year of growing problems and embarrassments within the Royal Family. In August, the tabloid *Sun* published photographs showing Prince Charles's mistress-in-law, Sarah Ferguson, known popularly as "Fergie," talking with her financial adviser, American businessman John Bryan. Five months earlier, Fergie and her husband, Prince Andrew, had separated. At the same time, British newspapers have published a steady stream of reports on worsening relations between Charles and his wife, Diana. In December, the couple, who have two children, announced their formal separation. Last August, *The Sun* published parts of a taped telephone conversation that allegedly took place between Diana and her brother James Giltay, in which Giltay addressed the Princess of Wales in scathing terms.

Meanwhile, new revelations about the role that Charles and Diana themselves played in coverage of their affairs appeared to defuse pressure for measures to curb Britain's media as its aggressive reporting on the royal and other subjects. Last fall, Prime Minister John Major's Conservative government appointed Sir David Calcutt, a prominent London lawyer, to propose ways of protecting the privacy of individuals.

Last week, Calcutt recommended the creation of a tribunal with powers to fine newspapers. But the report appeared to have much of its force when Lord McVie, chairman of the British Press Complaints Commission, disclosed in a leaked letter that some of the most revealing information in members of the Royal Family appearing in British newspapers had been sanctioned by Charles and Diana in an attempt to influence public opinion.

For the most part, British readers reacted with fascination and shock to the spectacle of a Royal Family whose intimate lives are becoming increasingly public. Broadcasts of, for one, produced that the taped conversation appeared between Charles and Parker-Bowles was likely to be followed by further revelations. Said Brooks-Baker: "We know it is not the last. And for a monarchy that has been hit hard by scandal, more damaging revelations could prove disastrous."

TON FENNELL with **ANDREW PHILLIPS** in London



PEOPLE

HIGH-PRICED IRREVERENCE

During 11 seasons hosting the TV show *Late Night*, David Letterman could never be accused of pandering to his bosses: both his network, *abc*, and the corporation that owns it, General Electric, have been the butt of the irreverent comedian's snarling jokes.



Letterman: Light bulbs, pants and \$18 million

Last week, rivalries heated him away from *abc* with a *Newsweek*, \$18-million-per-year contract, but the *Weekend Update* on his Thursday show, *Letterman*, who will continue on *Late Night* until June 25, gave his "Top 10 Reasons Why I'm Leaving *abc*." Among them: "They insist I wear pants" and "I've stolen as many as light bulbs as I can fit in the garage."



For the love of nature

Singer Maddy Johnson, who shows the Toronto-based rock group the *Badlids*, says that she "wants to live up north, where I can go fishing and camping and enjoy the countryside." Now, she is demonstrating her love of nature in *Country*, a music video filmed at the Museum of Civilization in Ottawa. The explicit video, which also features singer Morris Glick, has a clear environmentalist message and will be described in schools as part of the National Round Table on the Environment and the Economy's educational campaign. Added Johnson, who co-wrote *Country*: "We have to take care of nature or we won't have it to enjoy."

Johnson: 'Take care'

Double duty

Although Charlotte Moore is one of the stars of the recent Canadian production of *Les Mille*, running at Toronto until Feb. 6, her character appears to play a kind of the *Les Mille* Toronto actress, 34, plays Purdie, who does not lose into the three-hour production and returns as a ghost in the final scene. Moore is her first role in the production. After Purdie's death, she changes costumes and goes back onstage as a "haunted boy," a teenage revolutionary eventually killed in the streets of 19th-century Paris. Says Moore: "It's like a night—four times on Saturdays."



Moore: 'Four times on Saturdays'

A coolheaded approach

When it comes to being parents, says Stephen Stiller, "people are as neurotic." Stiller, 35, in 1991, during filming of Robert Redford's novel *A River Runs Through It*, in which he played a young kid who'd been the No.

ten-year actor, along with a wife, helped his wife, Florence, give birth to their first child, Megan, as a *Stiller* baby. He was back on the set an hour later. Earlier this month, after the Toronto filming of April O'Connell, a fact-based drama starring Sherry in 1986 hostage-taker David



Stiller's success in *Stiller*

Stiller, the actor was what he calls a "cuddler." For the birth of his second child, Lily, in his Georgetown, Ont., home. "An hour and a half later," he said, "it was like nothing had happened." Stiller, 35, is also unfazed by rumors that he may get an Oscar nomination for his role in *River*. "That," he explained, "has got to be crap."



At a recent Detroit auto show, sexy and flashy concept cars, with sexy women decorating the products

BUSINESS

THE ROAD BACK

More than at any time in recent history, the North American International Auto Show in Detroit focused on value and safety rather than glitz and style. But amid all the futuristic demonstrations and on-stage explosions, much of the traditional showbiz remained. Sexy women decorated the products, the concept cars were as sexy and flashy—and Chrysler stole the show when it unveiled the prototype of its new Dodge Ram pickup truck. The company's choreographers dropped the red, full-size vehicle from the ceiling. Now, Chrysler needs to go all out to grab a bigger share of the fast-growing truck market because it, like General Motors and Ford, is struggling to strengthen its fragile balance sheet in a stagnant economy. But despite the industry's problems, the mid-year Detroit show, which ended at the weekend, was obviously upbeat as the Big Three automakers finally emerge from their decade of trouble.

THE BIG THREE AUTOMAKERS ARE NOW ON TRACK. BUT THEY WANT MORE HELP FROM THE GOVERNMENT.

General Motors Corp., Ford Motor Co. and Chrysler Corp. have been overtopped by the newly developed ability to produce top-quality, stylish vehicles that are cheaper than those made by the Japanese. But that new product edge stems only to have strengthened the Americans' commitment to using every other

tool within their grasp, including government policy, to hammer the competition. The election of Bill Clinton as president has opened the Big Three to a new co-operation between government and industry. Skeptical as for the automakers say that they hope the Democrats will likely to establish tough new tariff protection on key imports of their business.

Meanwhile in Canada, the North American Free Trade Agreement, like the Free Trade Agreement before it, will increasingly restrict the role that the government has traditionally played in assisting the industry. Says Toronto-based industry analyst Dennis DeWolfe: "You can already a significant economic resource behind every vehicle assembly plant in Canada, but, for one reason or another, those policy levers that have been used in the past are almost all gone. Close the taps of the government, we will be very vulnerable."

Although the North American industry's products are gaining in consumer appeal, its

financial statements continue to lag. The recession has hammered profits to the point where the biggest of the three Big has lost more than \$1.4 billion during the past three years. Last week, GM announced, as part of its general plan to reduce employment worldwide by more than 70,000 by 1995, that at least another 1,800 Canadian workers would be laid off, bringing the cost Canada job-loss total to about 4,000 in the last year. The also promised a discount for the U.S. and Canadian economies during the rest of the 1990s offers little hope for a fast rebound in Canada, industry analysts predict that vehicle sales during the 1990s will never reach the all-time record set in 1988 when 1,838,000 cars and trucks were sold. And auto assembly means that the Big Three's imports of more in cars than they can export to Canada, that need of them to afford to make a major mistake will a simple new vehicle that they will make in the coming years.

Despite their competitive nations, however, executives of the Big Three launched 1993 with a vigorous round of Japan-bashing, culminating in a call for new government-industry co-operation in the United States. To begin the new era of co-operation, they said last week that Clinton's first element set should be to increase the tariff rate on imports of the Japanese minivan and sports utility vehicles to 25 percent from two percent. "That would send an important signal to Tokyo—and to Detroit," Robert Kania, Chrysler's new chairman, said after a visit to Tokyo. He added, "It could also be the first step towards a real trade agreement between Japan and the United States."

Although the executives claim that Republicans would similarly enthusiastically support Clinton, and even that he has a chance for the health of the country's manufacturing base. As a result, they quickly embraced some of the key public-policy initiatives that the new administration will likely launch. As a past

meeting with Clinton in Jan. 6, the chairman of the three companies offered their support for increased quality issues—as action that will hurt their profits because consumer preference may shift to smaller cars. The executives also agreed to support other government initiatives, including to help retire and even, tentatively, a more trade mission of the Justice Department.

Along with Congress and the new administration, we should look more closely at how government and industry work together in Europe and Japan. We have a lot to learn from them about working together for the common good."

That advice still towards government-industry co-operation takes place after more than a decade of Republican administrations committed to a hands-off approach to business. For Canada, which has benefited from both the managed-trade approach embodied by the Auto Pact and from the ideal free-market advantage of a lower cost structure, the eventual outcome of the shift could be crucial. Canada has prospered from the Big Three's long presence in the market: the country enjoyed \$8 billion surplus in auto trade with the United States in 1991, the last year figures are available for, compared with a \$4-billion deficit with Japan. But Canada has no truly domestic auto industry, all the companies are foreign-owned and most executives tend to favor domestic competitors.

Norman Clark, president of the Toronto-based lobby group the Motor Vehicle Manufacturers' Association, offered an illustration of how executives are influenced in their decisions. "There's a tale on the other side of the river in Detroit: strong out at Windsor as a program for a plant from Canada, and one from Michigan," said Clark. "He thinks Canada is politically stable and its costs are good—but there is some cost there because it is not as familiar with Canada as it is with Michigan. Where do you think he is going to build the plant?"

In addition, Clark says that Canada is gradually losing its low-cost advantage. Several major cost components have increased sharply. Canadian labor costs in the industry, which levels to about \$7 to \$8 per hour lower than in the United States, climbed in the last four years as the value of the Canadian dollar increased. The new advantage of Canada's national market is declining because financial costs are increasing in the mortgage rate of Canadian cities. And in the United States, Clinton appears committed to providing a reimbursement, universal medical care system, among the most important components, which will carry a disproportionate share of health costs. As well, electricity costs in Central Canada, which used to be among the lowest in the world, have soared during the past five years and now they are among the highest in the world. "It all adds up to costs coming up," says Clark. "We've got to be able to compete. So Canada will lose its ability to compete. So Canada will lose its ability to compete. So Canada will lose its ability to compete."

If the governments of Canada, the United States and Mexico agree now, the deal will affect the Canadian auto industry in major ways. Executives and analysts say that it will benefit the industry in both Canada and the United States because it will give them access to the Mexican market, which may become one of the fastest growing in the world. In Mexico, president of Ford's Mexican operation, says that conservative estimates indicate that the average per-capita income in Mexico, with a population of more than 80 million, will more than double to almost \$42,000 by the

Business Notes

THE SLUTTER TRADE

Henry Belts & Suits Ltd., the 114-year-old Montreal-based chain of jewelry stores, filed for bankruptcy protection from its creditors, listing about \$200 million in debt. Company president Jonathan Belts, who bought out his two brothers in a takeover battle in 1980, said that the company will close at least 70 of its 120 stores nationwide as part of a reorganization. Meanwhile, Toronto-based Peoples Jewellers Ltd., which declared bankruptcy last month, closed 20 of its 268 stores and laid off 170 employees, including a court-ordered restructuring plan.

AD BAIN SPILLOVER

The Quebec Court of Appeal ruled that the Quebec government has no right to force tobacco advertising. The 127-page ruling, which overturned an earlier court decision, dashed the hopes of those tobacco companies that had earlier won their case against the 1986 Tobacco Products Control Act. It banned all tobacco advertising in 1986, a Quebec Superior Court judge ruled that the ban violated guarantees of freedom of expression in the charter. The final phase of the law, advertising inside stores, took effect this month.

HIGHWAY SOUTH

Canada's Football League owners voted 7 to 3 in favor of expanding into the United States by awarding franchises to San Antonio, Tex., and Sacramento, Calif. Only Winnipeg and St. Bonaventura owners voted against the expansion, which would mean that the two new franchises will pay a fee of \$3 million over six years to join the league starting next season.

DEVELOPING AN EMPIRE

Past Canadian Prime Minister, the 75-year-old entrepreneur of the Richcraft family's Canada real estate holdings, continued to slip from their grasp. More than 50 percent of the investments with a \$450-million net worth, he lost in the last year. He has now sold out of Olympia & York Development Ltd.'s overall restructuring plan. The company, which is under court protection from its creditors, postponed votes from creditors with claims on 17 other properties until Jan. 18.

RATE RELIEF

When interest rates rise, how often customers as the economy slows, signs of a recovery, Canada's tax targets have lowered their general banking charges at one week by 10 percent, or a percentage point in seven per cent, and then by another quarter of a point two days later. The banks also cut other fees and deposit rates.



Ford Splash using every tool within their grasp to hammer the competition

year 2000. "Right now, there is just one vehicle for every 30 people in Mexico compared with one for every two people in the United States," he said. "This gives the tremendous opportunity that lies ahead." But his company, like others with manufacturing operations in Mexico, is already preparing to double its manufacturing operations, so the benefits of the growth may largely go to producers in Mexico itself. Canada has several parts suppliers that already serve the Mexican market and they are likely to benefit from the trade deal in the short term.

But the real impact of NAFTA, like that of the FTAs, will be felt as it increasingly restricts the policy options available to governments. Among other things, the trade agreements will gradually phase out Canada's right to impose tariff penalties on vehicles or parts manu-

factured in the United States and Mexico, even if they do not meet the content requirements established in the Auto Pact and the trade agreements. In effect, companies will no longer be forced to manufacture vehicles in Canada to gain tariff-free access to the Canadian market. "Nobody is saying that it will be a disaster for Canada immediately," said Basil Shatz, the grove, president of the Canadian Auto Workers union. "But NAFTA does move more of the decision-making over to the corporations, away from the government." As a result, government will lose its right to interfere in the free market, an activity that has often worked to Canada's advantage in the past. Industry analyst DeBussiers says that historically the federal and provincial governments have played key roles in obtaining almost every major auto-assembly plant in Canada. But he

charges, including sales taxes and excising taxes on tires and destination taxes on vehicles with high fuel consumption, increase the cost of owning a automobile in Canada. As a result, O'Connor says that Canadians tend to buy smaller, less costly and more fuel-efficient vehicles than Americans. The best-selling car in the United States in 1992 was the mid-sized Ford Taurus, with a base price of \$18,196, while in Canada, the top seller was the compact Chevrolet Cavalier, with a base price of \$9,995.

Because of the variety of differences between the auto industries in the two countries, industry observers say that Canada may have difficulty protecting its interests. Indeed, that is already evident. In Toronto last week at an automotive conference, auto counsel for President Vaux, Ontario Premier Bob Rae met with key auto-parts manufacturers, the only segment of the industry with significant Canadian ownership. Although the premier is said to be, as variations long before, Chrysler met with the Big Three in the United States, the main topic of discussion turned out to be the same co-operation between government and industry. Although no details were available, Neil De Kooze, president of the Auto Parts Manufacturers Association, said that he was "pleasantly surprised" by the outcome. Clearly, the auto industry, like the rest of the economy in Canada and the United States, is about to replace the free-market rhetoric of the 1980s with a freer-market vocabulary of protection and co-operation.

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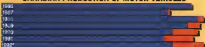
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Miller Time for Molson

The largest brewer gives up Canadian control

Few companies have been so destructively Canadian as Molson Breweries. Founded in Montreal in 1765 by English-born brewer John Molson, the company consistently plays up its Canadian roots in its advertising campaigns. Its flagship brand of beer is called "Canadian." It sponsors Hockey Night in Canada telecasts. And when executives Dave Thomas and Rick Morin made fun of their homeland in a regular segment on the *60 Minutes* show during the early 1980s, they drew up up the walls, "toons" and surrounded themselves with cases of Molson Canadian. But last week, in a three-way deal, the Miller Brewing Co. of Milwaukee, Wis., the second-largest brewer in the United States, agreed to buy 59 per cent of Molson Breweries for \$169 million. If U.S. and Canadian regulators approve the deal, it will raise foreign-owned companies' combined share in Canada's largest brewer to 80 per cent from 50 per cent. But far from diminishing Molson's Canadian identity, Molson Co. Ltd. chairman Marshall (Morty) Cohen said that the sale will help Molson promote its Canadian heritage "not only in Canada, but throughout North America."

To promote that heritage in the United States, however, Cohen has effectively relinquished Canadian control of the company. That promise began in 1989, when Cohen merged Molson with third-ranked Carling O'Keefe Breweries of Canada Ltd., which was owned by Australia's Edmond O'Leary, brewer of Foster's lagers. That gave the Australian company a half interest in Molson Breweries, with the other half still held by the Molson Co. Ltd., a holding company controlled by the Molson family. But the merger also passed Molson Breweries past John Labatt Ltd. to become Canada's largest beer maker.

Last week, Miller bought 10-per-cent stakes in Molson Breweries from both the Molson Co. and the Australian company, now called the Foster's Brewing Group. That will reduce the existing partners' shares to 48 per cent each. Together, the three companies plan to merge Molson's original assets, with the approval of directors from all three firms required for any major decisions. As well, Miller will become the sole distributor of Molson's brands in the United States, although they will still be brewed only in Canada.

For Cohen, a former deputy minister under several prime ministers and later president of Olympia & York Developments Ltd. in its

heyday, the sale flows from a diversification strategy that he has pursued aggressively since he took the reins at the Molson Companies in 1988. "I have believed for some time that, for a Canadian brewer to ensure its growth and survival, its products would have to succeed not only in Canada, but throughout North America," Cohen said last week. Cohen has also expanded the Molson Companies' holdings in non-beer ventures, especially in chemical and clothing-supplies industries.



Molson bottling plant in Toronto: a proud heritage, but a declining beer market

In searching for new opportunities outside Molson's core markets, Cohen is not breaking with company tradition. In addition to founding his brewery in Montreal, John Molson served as president of the Bank of Montreal and surrounded the same engine to the city. Now, in addition to Molson Breweries, the family's holdings include the Montreal Canadiens hockey team and several retail chains.

But the long-term growth potential in the Canadian beer market for both Molson Breweries and its main domestic rival, Labatt, is limited. Molson sells about 130 million cases of beer a year in Canada, representing close to half the market. But total domestic beer sales peaked in the mid-1980s, and most industry analysts predict that they will remain stagnant or decline over the next decade. As well, Ottawa and the provinces are dismantling trade barriers that protected Canadian brewers from

ideas from foreign competition, but which also forced them to set up small, often inefficient breweries in almost every province.

However, under the terms of last week's agreement, Miller undertook to aggressively promote Molson's brands to the United States. At present, Molson sells about 21 million cases of beer annually in the United States, making it the second-largest selling brand of imported beer, after Heineken. But that is only 8 per cent of the total U.S. market. To improve those sales, Miller has agreed to spend as much to promote Molson's as it did other U.S. beer makers spend on leading American brands with sales five times greater than Molson's—as much as \$100 million or more annually. But even if Molson's U.S. sales increase dramatically, Cohen said that there would be little impact on employment at its nine breweries in Canada, because the company will continue to

try to reduce costs and improve productivity.

Initially at least, the terms of the sale appeared reasonably favorable for Molson. But industry analysts said that Miller will benefit, as well. Some of them speculated that it could give the way for a takeover by Miller, a possibility that Cohen rejected. Other analysts said that Miller is spending far less to acquire an existing brand than it would have to develop and launch a new domestic brew of its own. "They could spend \$1 billion and not come up with anything," said Tony Tass, a consultant privateer analyst with the Toronto-based investment dealer Neufeld Thomson Inc. For his part, Cohen said that Miller's marketing strategy for Molson will highlight the beer's "Canadian heritage," making something that is now a flag of the past new again.

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Bourassa's illness touches all of us

BY PETER C. NEWMAN

Recent Bourassa's decision to work out to leave active politics despite his escalating illness was brave and entirely in character. But go too early, and when he dies, his departure will create a serious tear in the national fabric. During such a time of three decades of his presence, he has become the conscience of his province, the man who set the national agenda.

His moral ideology and operational code decided the tone and contents of Quebec politics for a generation. In any crunch, Bourassa, 59, invariably came down on the side of Canada, but he was neither a confirmed separatist nor a dedicated separatist. He left the question of politics as power not to him, and that Quebec could achieve more by challenging the reality than the ideology of any situation. A disappointment to parents on both sides, he set the political process not as a specific journey between two points but as an endless voyage, constantly in flux.

When he unexpectedly lost total power in the spring of 1993, I suggested to the first English-speaking journalist to interview him. It was only 11 years since the ultraconservative Maurice Duplessis had ruled the province, and only four years since the charismatic (when sober) Jean Lesage had held the province. Quebec was still entangled with its glorious past, and the few years following of Quebec would have been a time of great change.

Septuagena of all shapes and forms crowded the theatre. Men with their mustaches and large eyebrows, banding their shoulders against the burdens of office they soon hoped to assume, displayed their intransigence by wearing winged collars and bowing themselves rigidly to telephones. The only relaxed presence and the padmaster was Bourassa himself, looking a lot younger than his 59 years, a man so quiet his quiet moments were stiller still. His Adam's apple jutting out occasionally below a face whose eyes mirrored the calculated candor of a computer.

Not particularly impressed with himself, he

A disappointment to purists on both sides, he sees politics not as a specific journey but as an endless voyage, constantly in flux

seemed appropriately bored with rehearsing the empty dreams that dated on the Plains of Abraham. He was interested only in the new, in pushing Quebec back into technological partnership with the rest of Canada. At the time, no one had seen technology with sharing. "Septuagena," he told me then, "has its own economic promises." He added: "I'll make a good showing in the next five years, the independence thrust will be over. During the campaign, I challenged the Parti Quebecois, asking how they would solve unemployment. Lesage's first saying that the independence of Quebec would bring prosperity that this is an unrealistic dream."

His fundamental position didn't change a whole lot in the next 30 years. He remained the dedicated technocrat turned political boss and while his first government became corrupt, he seemed ranked among the best of my recent provincial administrations. Bourassa's often misinterpreted provocations that Quebec could be a nation without becoming an independent state simply meant that in his view the vision was not tried and that some better way had to be found to find responsibilities for governing.

Because he became such a consummate

politician, it was often forgotten that he was really an academic, having spent a decade studying at the University of Montreal, Oxford and Harvard, and while out of power, teaching at Yale and Johns Hopkins University's Center of Advanced International Studies, as well as lecturing in Europe. Married to the daughter of Joseph Beuport, a co-founder of the giant Marine Industries complex at Sorel, Que., he could easily have enjoyed a successful late-career. But politics was his calling, and in the 1966 provincial election he won a Montreal seat, quickly becoming Lesage's protégé. Within five years he was premier and immediately began to negotiate his greater provincial autonomy with Prime Trudeau.

The two men were never friends, but the prime minister did not, as legend has it, call him a "fat dog owner." (Trudeau saw a picture of him eating one and remarked that the premier "seemed to like hot dogs.") In that first interview with me, Bourassa confided that a name was to be represented Quebec's last choice. His analysis: "I'd led in my relationship with Ottawa, people still say Bourassa was well-regarded and rational. Trudeau was well-regarded and rational. If these two guys could make the system work, it's impossible. And they could be right."

Hampered and defeated in 1976 by Louis Fréchet, Bourassa spent seven years in the political wilderness. But by October, 1985, he was back in contention as the freely elected Liberal leader replacing a banned-out Claude Lévesque, and two years later he was named as Quebec's 29th premier. Significantly, he promised at the time to reduce the impact of Bill 20, the 1970 legislation that restricted the use of English in the law. "We need return to common sense," he said. "Of course, French could be obligatory and all other languages could be discretionary. The law has to be made more flexible and applied with more understanding."

Unfortunately, he didn't follow his own advice. In 1988, when the Supreme Court ruled that Bill 101 violated the Charter of Rights, he invoked the notwithstanding clause to circumvent the decision and introduced the controversial Bill 178 that devastated English-language rights, setting the stage for Meech Lake's rejection 15 months later.

Bourassa demonstrated characteristic courage during the 1970-1971 crisis and the 1980 Meech Lake crisis, but in the 1980 and 1990 Quebec's rule, his burning beliefs were of little use. He fought for federalist rights, setting the stage for Meech Lake's rejection 15 months later. Bourassa's rule, for one endorsing his appeals with as much passion as reason. By the spring of 1990, he had been diagnosed with melanoma and from then on there was an extra dimension to his crusade—the significance that came from his own death.

During his time in politics, Robert Bourassa has been to a number without ever becoming a revolutionary. In a province of affairs and business, he has been a thinker and a doer, a man who has followed the advice of that wise French philosopher who wrote that "a believer's confidence is to ensure the success of a moderate republic."

SPORTS

Mario's misfortunes

Cancer sidelines hockey's biggest star

Outside the Gardens Sports Centre, a hockey arena in the working-class Montreal neighborhood of Saint-Henri, a dense web of people gathered around the parking lot one night last week. Inside the arena, the dressing room

was the site of his modest treatment until the end of the month. Still, the two doctors at the arena's emergency, team physician Charles Bouché and cancer specialist Therese Gaudin, said that Lemieux's disease had been diagnosed in its early stages and before it could



Lemieux with the Cup hugely popular in Pittsburgh

spread to other organs—leaving him with a 95-per-cent chance of a cure. In Pittsburgh, where Lemieux has led the Penguins to unprecedented popularity, fans greeted the symbolic medical announcement with a deep sense of relief. According to sportswriters and others familiar with the city's sports scene, Lemieux is revered at Pittsburgh because of his on-ice accomplishments, his quiet manner and his loyalty to teammates. "People in Pittsburgh just love this guy," said Richard Reiter, who owns three sporting goods stores in the Pittsburgh area. "This is a blue-collar town and he blends in well. One thing that appeals Pittsburgh people is when someone like former Pro Football Hall of Fame Terry Bradshaw says, 'This guy is the highest paid

player in baseball.' 'The highest paid,' 'Vince.'"

Lemieux has demonstrated his commitment to the community by living year-round in Pittsburgh, where he has played since joining the team last October to the city in October, 1984. He and his family, Ricki Lemieux, who he has known since he was 17, moved last fall from the Pittsburgh suburb of Mount Lebanon to a new home in the more exclusive suburban community of Sewickley. They also have a farm in Washington County, south of the city, where they keep horses. The family also has been lauded for its public through charitable work. He has served—paradoxically, it seems now—as an honorary chairman of the Pittsburgh Cancer Institute, a research and treatment organization, for the past five years. He has participated in charity golf tournaments. "I'm a chairman," said Wanda Walther, co-ordinator of one of those tournaments. "You wouldn't believe the money who follow him around at our tournament."

While Lemieux has emerged from the shadow of Wayne Gretzky over the past couple of seasons to become hockey's dominant player, he has also experienced considerable adversity. He missed 21 games last season of the 1989-1990 season because of neck problems, then had surgery to relieve a herniated disc during the off-season. He missed the first 50 games of the 1990-1991 campaign while recuperating, but returned to lead the Penguins to their first Stanley Cup. At the start of the current season, the Penguins signed Lemieux to a seven-year contract worth an estimated \$12 million, making him the highest paid player in the sport. When injury first sidelined him after 46 games, he led the team in scoring with 184 points—and was on course to break Gretzky's single season record of 215 points, set in 1985-1986 when the Great One played for Edmonton.

But last week, scoring records suddenly seemed insignificant to players and fans alike. "Sometimes we think we're physically invincible," and Gilbert Doran, a 23-year-old winger for the Montreal Canadiens, standing in for Lemieux from next after a game last week. "Sure, it's big news."

So people sometimes say—my injury is not serious, we'll be back on the game. But as I think like this you cannot prevent." In St-Henri and Ville-Marie, long-knives restaurants watched Lemieux deliver his signature hockey skills as a goal. "That led to hockey in his blood from the time he was tiny," recalled Guy Bouché, 66, who was watching rookie hockey at the Gardens Sports Centre one night last week before spectator Réal Lemay added. "I've been involved, would be a high line. He is the highest structure in the Montreal Canadiens League." But for now, Lemieux is simply a vulnerable young man.

BARRY JENSEN with NANCY WOOD in Montreal

MY CANADA INCLUDES FLORIDA..

Millions of winter-weary Canadians flock to the sun

The neat backs and tray tables are in their original upright positions. All seat belts have been securely fastened, all carry-on luggage has been safely stowed. The jet lines down the runway, melt as tarmac, and then, with a strong roar—the escape signal for a phalanx of pore-up Canadians—lits off into the chilly winter sky. On board, the passengers—some already in brightly colored polo shirts or sweat suits—stare down at the shrinking city below, the tiny cars moving idly through the grey-white streets, the surrounding snow piled as oil tugs. And then it is gone, the seats and headrests turned towards puffy clouds, and the passengers settle back. It will not be long now, a few hours, a couple of drinks, maybe a movie, snuggles or pocket video games for the kids. The next time the plane touches earth, it will enter a land of palm and pistachio and sun-baked parking lots, of Donald and Mackey, key lime pies, beer-bell postcards, white shoes and blue jeans, shuffleboard and golf and great sandy beaches strewn with bathing bodies and sweet, wet marks of Florida.

It is a national motto, a special bumper sticker: *My Canada Includes Florida*. And not only Florida (not the Caribbean, Mexico, Venezuela, Arizona [page 42], Texas, Southern California, Florida [page 42]—any place where the sun is warm, the drinks are cool and the only shopping is to build sand castles). Millions flee to the southern sun each winter, debauching Canadian travel companies and desert tourism officials and romancing with the obligatory beach shells, seashells and tan lines. And our operators say that, while the recession has driven people to seek the best possible travel deals, the exodus has continued unabated. "Once it was thought of as a luxury, but now it's becoming more of an annual rite," says Bryan Wolfenden, spokesman for Canadian Holidays, a Toronto-based charter company. "We've often had customers say, 'So much for the new car, when's the next flight to Honolulu?'"

For Canadians, Florida is by far the hot spot of choice. Nearly 2.4 million of them flocked to the Sunshine State in 1991—compared with 623,000 to all Caribbean islands combined—and about 800,000 snowbirds stayed in Florida for up to six months. More than half fly, while the rest barrel down interstates 95 or 75, some steering recreational vehicles or pulling trailers to a place where the food is familiar, the water is safe and the language is real. Pinch-speakers tend to congregate on the Atlantic Coast, English speakers on the Gulf Coast, and both enjoy newspapers and TV and radio news programs geared directly to them. All are drawn to the island city of Orlando, the statewide over-work-gone-for-good centre that is now home to Disney World and other theme parks.

Florida is a democratic destination. The Canadians, who include Prime Minister Brian Mulroney, Liberal Leader Jean Chrétien and other prominent politicians, mingle from the steps north by the budget-bound, train-riding Canadians to spring breakers. "There's a little piece of Florida for every Canadian," boasts Ellen Weiler, director of Canadian marketing for the Florida division of tourism. Canadians, meanwhile, leave a sizable piece of Canada behind: more than \$2 billion in tourist dollars annually.

Of course, every sun spot has its clouds. Canadian critics contend that the country's leaders act a bad example by spending their travel dollars on foreign soil. And some visitors maintain that, far from paradise, Florida is a state of crime, corruption, drugs, endless shopping malls and a blight of billboards advertising everything from gasoline to prior smoking. But such complaints are lost on Florida's Canadian faithful—on residents of a northern nation who view a bit of southern exposure as a basic birthright. "Why am I here?" asks Denise Mason, a 49-year-old sales representative from Collegewood, Ont., lounging at a beachside bar on tiny Longboat Key. "I'm sitting by the beach, relaxing with a beer after a piece of tennis. How can it get any better than that?"

BOUND FOR THE SOUTH

FOR SUN, SURF AND A WINTER TAN, FLORIDA IS CANADA'S HOME AWAY FROM HOME

In the days of winter, few Canadians need encouragement to hop on a plane and head for the sun. Others, however, such as Anthony Wilson-Smith and associates (right), leave Disney World's Magic Kingdom for a week, exploring the phenomenon of Canadians at play in the holiday state of Florida. *Travel report*

Outside the Disney Hotel in north Miami Beach, the sky was gray, the Atlantic Ocean swells and menacing, and the parking lot shuddering in water from more than 12 thousand hours of rain. But inside the hotel's Via on Wave Bar, the Molson and Labatt beer flowed. Paper's and Export cigarette smoke filled the air, and away among the substance of about 50 wiped tears of laughter from their eyes at the night-life pines of four smoggy conditions, pockmarked with shrouded Quebec slang. For the first performance, part of a troupe broadcasting live back to Montreal radio station CMC, it was a chance to vent their Quebecois, by glowing in unison. "We are in Florida—and you are not." And for most of the wackiness follows Quebecois in the bar, that was cause enough for celebration. Surprising his surroundings with a comical smile, 45-year-old Quebec City contractor Michel Guillemin declared, "Who cares if it rains here—it's a helluva lot better than snow."

When it comes to Florida, neither rain nor even the occasional hurricane—such as storm Andrew that decimated south Florida last August—can deter the visiting winter hordes. That is one constant shared by English- and French-Canadian, along with the increasing number of latter nationalities now flocking to Florida. From the southern golf coast stretch around Panama City—to the more known as the Redneck Riviera—to the southern coast by of colorful Key West, Canadian bronze glows are never far away. And new arrivals die in daily to the major cities, taking brass chickens and golf clubs and left-behind as packing a winter's worth of frozen-fish was into a petcock watch or two. "Americans, while occasionally gawking about the number and habits of visiting Canadians in general—and French-Canadians in particular—seem grateful for the infusion of tourist dollars," "I don't know what we'd be without Canadians," said Nancy Trubler, treasurer at a popular breakfast spot in Clearwater on the golf coast. "John are

hard enough to come by as it is."

As it happens, the effect for Florida that attracts Canada's two official linguistic groups cannot obscure the qualities that divide them. English-Canadians, who most often gravitate to the golf coast, try mightily to blend in with locals and American tourists from other states. But French-Quebecois, congregating mostly along the Atlantic, have built a self-contained community that new stretches across several municipalities between Miami Beach and Fort Lauderdale. "Down here," and Jean Laurin, editor of the Holy-

wood, Fla.-based monthly newspaper *Le Soleil de la Floride*, "it is now possible to live 365 days a year fulfilling every need without ever speaking a word of English."

The Canadian flock has countless reasons for its annual migration. Its members go to see spring training in late February and March—to watch the Toronto Blue Jays in Broward and the Montreal Expos in West Palm Beach warm ups for another Major League Baseball season. They go because Florida is affordable—road-trip airfares last week were as low as \$149 from Toronto and Montreal, \$320 from Halifax and \$299 from Edmonton. They go to shop at outlet stores, clothes for kids may cost only half of what they do in Canada, although the drop in the Canadian dollar has made bargains harder to come by. Audubon go because Florida is comfortable, which is especially important to tourists with children. "You don't want to go to anywhere where you're going to have to worry about language differences in medical facilities if they get sick," said Charles Knapp, 44, a Keweenaw senior sales manager from Montreal who vacations in Florida at least once a year with his wife, Lisa, and two young daughters. "And you want a place where you can rest on certain things efficiently, availability of things,

no hidden costs or surprises, and a good track record where the weather is concerned. That's Florida all the way."

With Disney World emerged slowly out of the January mist like the Magic Kingdom, it purports to be. It would be hot and sunny later, but at 8 a.m. the pavement mirrored that contents the estate of the town was only a twinkling mirror overhead. Here, in the burgeoning coastal city of Orlando, Canadiana sick-and-sick with the Irish as the most frequent foreign visitors to Disney's Florida resort—the world's number 1 tourist attraction. As the market of fog lifted, visitors discovered a world wide itself: 43 square miles of theme parks (the Magic Kingdom, Epcot Center and Disney's Water World), 30,000 hotel rooms, 37 tennis courts and five 18-hole golf courses designed by top architects. "For us, this is a once-in-a-lifetime experience," said Lynne Ritz of Winnipeg, touring the Magic Kingdom with her husband and three boys. "I think it's more fun for us than for the kids."

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From a parking lot the sun of a small personality, families herded toward the main gates at 10:00. They had paid up to \$43 for adults and \$34 for kids for individual day passes, and the rush was on to see everything. Among the throng were the Winston girls, Amy, 3, and Erica, 3, Disney enthusiasts from Ottawa who were on the third day of their first-ever tour of the parks with their mother, Sharon, and father, Lawrence, a 38-year-old tax lawyer. On a rule through the backstage area at MGM, Amy and Erica watched in wide-eyed awe as a nearly all-white tiger caught fire and exploded, and grinned in delight after discovering that it is a part of a movie set. "They've been like that for three days," said Sharon, 37, an interior decorator. Roaming their ride, the Winstons stopped to pose for pictures with a Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle, tour the set of the movie *Honey, I Shrunk the Kids*, watch a parade featuring the characters of the Disney film *Aladdin* and then, exhausted, finally sit down at the Indiana Jones Show Spectacular. Nearby, Disney offers its vision of America's neighbor to the north at Epcot Center. Canada is represented in a pavilion by, among other things, a miniature of Victoria's Butchart Gardens and a rendering of Ottawa's stately Château Laurier. Although Canadian government





The Valour and the excuses

BY GEORGE BAIN

A year after the TV series first ran, the now over *The Valour and the Honor* is not over, just recessed. Soon after the Senate returns on Jan. 25, the subcommittee on veterans affairs, which undertook an inquiry into the complex of disasters of history, rarely from veterans' associations, expects to release its report. It may occasion another different public inquiry into the process by which the leaked series was made in conjunction with several organizations, including the National Film Board and broadcast by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation.

It is pleasing to think that if a further inquiry comes about, some of the people who have shouted loudest against the Senate subcommittee's firing to question film makers will themselves have agreed reasons for it. For example, Pierre Berton wrote in *The Toronto Star* on Nov. 21, "If the McMorris brothers, who produced those programs, were at fault, who the hell was sending the story at the corporation when the scripts were laid out and the final program revised?"

Right, where the hell was everybody? Or, take the *Toronto Globe and Mail*: It began a Nov. 12 editorial drastically declaring that "the CBC's journalistic reputation lies in pieces today, all wide and deluged like a fresh caught trout." The editorial said that the CBC had been brought to ruin by "the cynical efforts of the corporation's senior executives to appease the program's critics in Parliament. This is the staff of resignation." Right, the staff of resignation. Not, though, for ought of supervision, as Berton would have it, but appeasement in the manner of Neville Chamberlain and "never is any time."

Or take the *Montreal Gazette*. In a Nov. 12 editorial, it said, "The board of directors of the CBC should be ashamed of itself. It has taken the worst side of a controversy that goes to the heart of its credibility and much Canadians about themselves." Note that the fault now is with the board of directors, not management

The CBC's decision to run a controversial series about the war again was a stick-it-up-your-nose gesture to offended viewers

and not for respect of duty, as a poet with the devil but far taking the wrong side on some things—true, artists don't do jobs—to do with insulting Canadians.

But if Senator Jack Marshall's committee decides to recommend an inquiry by name after body into the way in which the leaked series came to be made and aired, it will not avoid such justifications as those. The letter of its management has been lazier enough. For example, *The Globe and Mail* in a Nov. 19 news story said that Robert Pattillo, CBC president of communications, "contended that, in the weeks leading up to the release of [the CBC advertisement] report," Marshall and Cliff Chisholm, chairman of the National Council of Veterans Associations, "both tried to appear as though they had advance advance information, but Pattillo knew it, because Pattillo gave it to him. The advertisement's report was already drafted by them, although not published until Nov. 20, evidently because of internal CBC concerns about David of Rigation

Among other points of interest in that Oct. 2 memo are, one, that Pattillo himself the CBC's taking the series and of use to have the bad bats explained in an advertisement's being forced to send a fairly model, and, two, that he "insisted that the senior CBC executives involved in putting the series on the air have without exception either left CBC or have been shifted to new positions." —Urrue, that suggests that the corporation was quick to recognize a problem, and reacted more severely, than it has let on.

No strange was General Velland's Nov. 21 reply to a *Globe and Mail* editorial that content of the CBC for failure to "renew the Senate's legislative court in a disgrace to democracy." In his letter to the editor, the CBC president said that he not only objected, but "from the very beginning we have refused to take part in those hearings." That latter part is not better said by the correspondence, a sampling of which reveals in his reply a few more of excuses—the suggested date impossible, more time needed to decide in what manner the CBC would act with assurances of co-operation and a willingness to appear. Only on Nov. 13 the day for the editorial's report was made public was there a refusal. He wrote then: "As the report and the press release requested the complete position of the board and management of the corporation... I would suggest the CBC's appearance... would serve no useful purpose."

No less strange has been the performance in that matter of all-renewing the series. No sooner had the apologies been delivered, the expressions of regret offered as "any damage the program may have caused members of the audience," that assurances given that the series would not be rerun without having brought up to the CBC's journalistic standard, then arrangements were underway to run the film again, in February. That haste—no doubt by the CBC's own producers—may have been another corporate mistake.

The Ontario War associations of Ottawa and Toronto have retained the Ottawa law firm of Fraser & Bently to make a formal request to the Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission to bring about a public hearing, as it is required to do in the Broadcasting Act, to "enable itself aware of the facts" before making any further public statement. That last refers to the CBC's Dec. 17 report of an internal review of the series, which made no judgment on the quality of the material presented, but said only that "viewer public debate has justified the requirements of balance between creative freedom and responsibility to the public."

The interesting point is that the CBC, said, as a mark of civility of the CBC's honesty of purpose, that "it will not retransmit the series unless it is asked to bring it on air only with the journalistic policy guidelines." The corporation's decision to air it again before any decision had been taken on what, if any, modification would be made constituted a stick-it-up-your-nose gesture to offended viewers, which just might justify the regulatory agency that the issue deserves a deeper look than was given at the first time around.



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Aron (left), Blanche (right) falling prey to women with an appetite for enough sex

FILMS

Lethal women

Powerful men succumb to seductresses

Lethal sex. That was the active ingredient in last year's hit movie *Dancer*. The controversial thriller, directed by Dutch director Paul Verhoeven, exploded sex and violence to a degree unprecedented in mainstream cinema. Now, two new films by European directors explore the dangers of sexual obsession—but with vastly different results. Both are about successful, married men who risk family and career to pursue fatal attractions. Dutch director Beate Klumpp, *Damage*, explores women with an appetite for rough sex—blouse-tearing, head-banging, roll-on-the-floor foreplay. *Body of Evidence* stars Malinová as the body in question, in a tawdry eroticism drama in which cynical seduction serves as a loose alibi for a ludicrous script. But *Damage*, starring Jeremy Irons, is an erotically charged yet subtle tragedy that offers outstanding performances, immediate direction and intelligent writing.

In *Body of Evidence*, Malinová plays Rebecca, a seductive art gallery owner charged with murder at Portland, Ore. Police find apple rings and handprints at the scene of the crime. The victim, a wealthy man with a heart condition, has died after a strenuous bout of body-consciousness sex. The district attorney (Joe Mantegna) sets out to prove that Rebecca used her body as a deadly weapon, killing her lover in order to inherit his wealth. A while later, Aron (Irons) portrays the victim's essential weakness, who becomes the state's key witness. And Rebecca's lawyer, a female named Frank (Willem Dafoe), tries to prove her innocence—while publicly succumbing to her predatory charms.

There is humor in *Body of Evidence*, but so much of it seems contrived that it is hard to recognize the real thing. And the film's director is surprising given that it was directed by German-born Udo Kold, who filmed the gritty, uncompromising *Let It Be Broke*. For Malinová, meanwhile, the movie appears to be just another marketing move in her multimedia campaign of self-promotion, a companion piece to her dirty-picture book *Sex* and her new album *Enigma*. In *Body of Evidence*, she displays her body with evident glee, but her lovers are rapidly losing their novelty value. And the actual scenes of coupling are mild, especially a stunt involving the laborious drizzling of urine over sex guru Duke's dead, in *Body of Evidence*, Malinová seems to be trying to create the kind of sensation achieved by Sharon Stone in *Basic Instinct*. But Malinová is an Italian actress. And her body of work still fails to offer much evidence that she can act.

Damage, however, is everything that *Body of Evidence* is not. Equipped first by French director Luc Besson, it is a tightly contained drama about a devastating act of sexual transgression. Lucinda (played by Irène Jacob) is the story from her seducing novel by Irish-born author Josephine Hart. And the script, in the hands of a superb lead, is a marvel of restraint. In missing links between the lines, in the measured looks and gestures that suggest feelings of unrequited desire—moments of an unbearable desire that are just below the surface of English civility.

Rebecca (Irène) is a British member of Parliament who betrays both his wife and son by starting a secret affair with his son's new girlfriend, Anna (French actress Juliette Binoche). It is a great scene, but implausible. Meeting at a cocktail party, Anna and Stephen start at each other in smoldering silence for an unreasonably long time. Later, when he first shows up at her apartment, not a word passes between them—and only after they have made love, silently, on the floor.

For Stephen, sex with Anna becomes an addictive form of self-mutilation. Although Anna's romance with his son, Martin (Rupert Graves), becomes increasingly anxious, she continues to encourage his father's passion. But unlike most Hollywood movies about fatal attraction, *Damage* does not breed her as evil. Played with concerning ambiguity by Binoche, Anna threatens on their sex as a release from romantic commitment. She has a brother who committed suicide "because he wanted me all for himself," she says. "It's made me terrified of any kind of possessiveness." Anna's sexual ferocity is a result of injury, not malice. "Damaged people are dangerous," says Anna. "They know they can survive."

French, meanwhile, starts a brilliant job of portraying Stephen's attempt to reconcile his forbidden need for control with his newly aroused passion. "We've got to find a strain for this," he tells Anna, with almost comical understatement. And again, despite the anaemic nature of Binoche's behavior, the movie does not rely too far. His craving for Anna has a visceral quality, but it is also a revolt against the accumulated legacy of a life made up of complacent loyalties to state and family. Still, Stephen's burning will, played with explosive force by Malinová's direction, is fully sympathetic in her own right.

Malinová's ambition to make dirty is what makes *Damage* powerful. Filming her lovers in rich and arid desert interiors, he creates an atmosphere of rawness and unrestrained passion of East Texas in Paris. The director also portrays sex with a dramatic realism that is never exploitative. He increases the nudity in stages that correspond to the story's suspense. And, by the time Irons and Binoche finally make love fully naked, the circumstances are so boring that the scene is almost a relief. *Damage* is heavy drama, awarded by Hollywood therapy. It leaves a lingering sense of desecration, reflecting an emotional damage that seems strangely satisfying.

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Trouble with angels

Two girls find that growing up is hard to do

LIAH, LIAH
(CBC Jan. 26, 8 p.m.)

IT'S NEVER GET TO HEAVEN
(CBC Jan. 31, 9 p.m.)

Of all life's tragedies, the one that begins where childhood ends and adulthood begins is for many people the most difficult. Adolescence is a time of raging hormones and turbulent moods. It is also a time for forging a personal world outside—for deciding what to keep, and what to discard from the value

system of their four children has slept her way into an early marriage." In her father's job. The next oldest, 13-year-old Kelley (Shanna King), who is herself discovering love, has a temperamental, love-hate relationship with her hot-tempered father. Although she is, he says, his "special angel," Kelley is also a troublemaker, an inveterate teller of tall tales and a master at ignoring her father's short fuse.

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Huddle (left), King, the darkest corners of family life

system handed down by friends, family, church and state. Now, two strong and superbly acted CBC dramas explore that period of change and anxiety. Set in modern-day Vancouver, *Liah, Liah* is both a troubling family drama and an intriguing mystery focused on a young girl who accuses her father of sexually molesting her. Lighter, but just as moving, is *It's Never Get to Heaven*, about a girl growing up in a strict Roman Catholic family in 1960s Toronto, and of her personal attempts to come to terms with faith and wing.

Like many families, the one headed by Gail and Mary Farrow (Art Hindle and Rosemary Dunsmuir) in *Liah, Liah* has its problems. It is unemployed. She is exhausted from supporting the family in a postal career. Already, the

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questions as answers in her Catholic faith. Less devout are Amy's next-door neighbors, a young woman named Betty (Auden Poulton), who hosts the catechism as proudly as she punishes her son, and Betty's free-spirited Aunt Doris, portrayed with gusto by Susan Wright in her last film before her death in December 1991. A modern-day Mary Magdalene, Aunt Doris is "as cheap as Whodunnit," according to some of Amy's friends. But she is also decidedly happy and, like Betty, offers a glimpse of freedom from some of the more gatekeeping strictures of church doctrine.

Amy is able to balance her link with Betty's and Aunt Doris's simplicity—with a handsome stranger named Nick Hudson (Victor Garber) begins to court her mother Cassie (Penny Greenwell), tempting the women to reject the church's rule against divorce. Wounded by shame, Amy goes out of her way to win the respect of the most straitlaced girls in her Catholic school. Among them is the shrewish Laraine, portrayed with delightful hyperbole by Victoria Garwood.

The story is painted in broad, often black-and-white, strokes. Each modern-thinking son is counterbalanced by an impossibly pious one, and strict Catholic families live next to colorful freebirds. But the drama is never heavy-handed. Indeed, *It's Never Get to Heaven* evokes an instantly angrier time, when social rules at least appeared to be more cut-and-dried. And, like *Liah, Liah*, its dramatic resolution vividly conveys both the tears and the laughter that are part of growing up anywhere and anytime.

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Of lawyers, skunks and sharks

BY ALLAN FOTHERINGHAM

The devil is in the details. Those of sharp mind always look forward to this magazine's year-end poll that distills the most workings of the fascinating Canadian mind. Especially the news, conferred each year, that Newfoundlanders like and enjoy sex more than the rest of us. Why not? I'd love in Gander. I would like sex a lot, too.

Those of sharp eye, however, notice other significant news. The most interesting? The fact that Canadian, who asked which trade has "the most honesty and integrity," ranked doctors at the top with a rating of 24 per cent, followed by scientists, university professors, business executives, taxi motorists at 10 per cent and lawyers at four per cent. (Fishermen, of course, traded with two per cent.)

At last! Proof of our true worth. Whenever I get into an argument with my lawyer friends, over their shenanigans, I always point out that the last time I checked there were more lawyers in jail than politicians.

This may be because the only taste a journalist ever gets a healthy glaze of cash is when he sits beside the petty-cash jar at the press club. Whereas lawyers, as you read in the papers every month, can't stand the temptation of taking a widow's trust fund to the next track or wherever. The courts are full of the lawyers.

What is most significant, however, is the question in the *Maclean's* poll: "Which would you be most likely to recommend to a child as a career?" Answer: Doctor at the top again, followed by business executive, scientist, university professor—and then—lawyer at third-most spot, above journalist at four per cent.

There it is, life in the end. Everyone loves lawyers as doctors, well before the renowned honesty and integrity of parliament, but not even throughout the last would choose their bestie up to law school. Because they make more money, it's simple.

What's the difference between a dead skunk on the highway and a dead lawyer on the highway? Still more.



The news that the masses don't trust lawyers, but would like their daughters to marry one, of course comes as no surprise. Lawyers have great skills. The major one, as we know, is the ability to pick up droppings out of raw waste wearing leaving gloves. Because Canada can attest to the profits reaped by this ability.

What do you call 150 lawyers at the bottom of Toronto harbor? A start.

One of the more ludicrous happenings of recent days has been the loss over Bill Clinton, the new most powerful man in the world, and his promise to recruit a cabinet as Washington that would actually "infect" the country. No more just those dull middle-aged white males. No sir. This man is really going to reach out.

He proudly boasts, as he is sworn into office, that his cabinet contains four women, four African-Americans, two Jews and two Hispanics. Yeah. One thing is overlooked. Of the 18 cabinet members, 13 are lawyers. Clinton is a

lawyer married to a lawyer. Lawyers run the world. Why shouldn't they run America?

You have heard, of course, that scientists are now using lawyers, rather than rats, in laboratory experiments. There are three reasons for this. The first is that there are now more lawyers in the world than rats. The second is that there is no chance that you would ever become kind of a lawyer. And the third is that there are some things that rats won't do.

There is only one good thing to be said about the new premier of Alberta. As a Grade 10 dropout, Ralph Klein will not add to the glut of lawyers who led us to such unenviable disasters as Meech Lake and the Charlottetown accord.

Mike Hancock of British Columbia is a lawyer. Roy Romanow of Saskatchewan is a lawyer. Bob Rae of Ontario is a lawyer. The unlikely Robert Bourque of Quebec is a lawyer. Frank McKenna of New Brunswick is a lawyer. Joe Ghis of Prince Edward Island is a lawyer. Clyde Wells of Newfoundland is a lawyer.

What to know why the country is as such a mess? Brian Mulroney is a lawyer. Jean Chrétien is a lawyer. Staff too.

It's all so depressing. Bill Clinton's only promise is fulfilled one, the prospect before us of the 13 lawyers in his 18 body cabinet picking over the site with their busy gloves in search of justice. Ralph Klein and John Manley might actually get along, either of them having attended law school.

Canada is infested with lawyers, leaving them at 24 Sussex Drive from St. Laurent to Trudon to Turner to Mulroney. Joe Clark occupies only because he is a frustrated lawyer, having failed to break two different law schools. So what did he do? Married a lawyer. They're worse than crabs.

You've heard about the lawyer on the cruise ship who fell overboard into shark-infested waters? To the amazement of the horrified fellow passengers, a posse of sharks gently nudged him on their snouts and carried him to a lowered deck. "Professional courtesy," he explained as he clambered aboard.

As a veteran of the 1960s court, my bloody agent was asked from the clamor for privacy by an elegant bedfish of a lawyer who was also a close personal friend.

One day I appeared before a judge and who was across the dock, with a large gap, representing those who were suing me? You don't have to guess. The same noble representative of the profession that make law in Canada and integrity had would be a good recommendation at even and had send sweep all to college. Go weep.

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